

City of Minneapolis

Request for Committee Action

To: Health, Environment & Community Engagement
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From: Health Department
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File type: Action
Subcategory: Appointment

Subject:
Public Health Advisory Committee appointment

Description:
Approving committee appointment of Yolonda Adams-Lee to complete a 2-year term that began on 1/1/2015 and ending 12/31/2016 for seat 18, Member At-Large.

Ms. Adams-Lee's appointment fills the unexpired term of Tamara Ward who resigned from the committee, with the first term beginning upon Council approval through 12/31/2016.

Previous Actions:

Ward/Neighborhood/Address:
Ward 7
Select a neighborhood.

Background/Analysis:
The Minneapolis Public Health Advisory Committee advises the City Council and the Health Department on policy matters affecting the health of Minneapolis residents, and serves as liaisons between the City and the community in addressing health concerns. Twenty members represent each of the 13 wards, the Mayor's office, Minneapolis Public Schools, Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health, the University of MN-School of Public Health, with three Members-At-Large.

Ms. Adams-Lee works in Ward 7 as a social worker with Hennepin County. She has volunteered and worked with the issues of affordable housing for over 20 years, worked with the formation of Project Homeless Connect and worked personally and professionally to eradicate the issues of homelessness in California and Minnesota. She has served on the housing commission board in Brooklyn Center, worked with organizations such as Minneapolis Urban League, NAACP, Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, and Lutheran Social Services. She is a graduate of the Boards and Commissions Leadership Institute, with a focus on housing and civil rights. Her personal and professional experiences fit well with the PHAC's priorities, including citizen advisory engagement around housing and development—affordability and stability—which impacts many Minneapolis residents and families.

Financial Review:
No financial impact.